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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Swaziland Bureau -- September 1985

I. GENERAL

The bureau compiled another new wordage record during the month; filing over 440,000 words, more than twice its "normal" output. London Bureau teletypist Patrick Curtis continued to provide relief for the section following the resignation of one of the teletypists in August. Teletypist [redacted] almost a month earlier than expected and only a few hours after working an evening shift with the bureau chief. Her absence put a further strain on an already overworked section adding to the backlog and unavoidably delaying some items, particularly routine ones.

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. South African State President P. W. Botha delivered three closely watched speeches during the month; to National Party provincial meetings in the Orange Free State (OFS), the Transvaal and the Cape. Somewhat surprisingly, the speech in the OFS--the heartland of Afrikaanderdom--was one of his most reformist. According to press reports this speech was the one Botha had been scheduled to deliver at the Natal party congress, but had backed out on at the last minute. Press coverage varied. None of the media carried the texts of the speeches in Bloemfontein or Pretoria, with the bureau covering from SAPA and radio reports combined with short television recordings. SABC-TV switched to Port Elizabeth for the final portion of the Cape Province speech after SAPA had already carried embargoed news reports on the highlights. The text was carried the following day by BUSINESS DAY.

2. The situation in Angola deteriorated during the month as FAPLA troops, reportedly led by Russian and Cuban officers and with very sophisticated military equipment, launched an all-out attack on UNITA. The SADF responded by launching an attack across the border which they claimed to be a counterattack against SWAPO, but which Luanda radio--and other more unbiased sources--said was a move to bolster UNITA. The

bureau filed battle reports from Luanda radio and ANGOP as well as KUP, UNITA's press agency, and from South African media, which sent reporters to UNITA headquarters in Jamba. At one point, the Johannesburg STAR reported that the two countries were on the brink of war. The bureau remained open late over several weekends to process Luanda radio and ANGOP reports and commentaries and also had an editor, monitor and teletypist on call during the most tense period in case the situation worsened.

3. Numerous reports and speeches were monitored and filed on the Nonaligned Foreign Ministers Conference held in Luanda 4-8 September. Overtime was necessary in order to complete priority filing of Angola President Dos Santos' opening speech to the conference at headquarter's request. Much to the dismay of bureau staffers, the conference voted to hold the nonaligned heads of states' conference in Harare next year.

4. On the 30th, Maputo radio carried the 2-hour text of a press conference by Mozambique Security Minister Vievira outlining alleged South African violations of the Nkomati Accord. During the press conference, the minister read at random from documents captured from the Mozambique National Resistance detailing clandestine contacts between the rebel organization and South Africa after the signing of the Nkomati Accord. The bureau remained open to process reports on the highlights of the conference and filed the text the following day.

5. On the 29th, the bureau received a "SAPA PR Wire Service" item on the normal SAPA wire, which was a press release from the office of Zulu Chief Buthelezi. According to SAPA, the PR wire service is modeled after a similar organization in the U.S. and provides subscribers, now approximately 50, with an opportunity to send unedited press releases straight to South African and other media for a fee. The bureau is filing the releases on merit with identifying data in a subslug.

B. Communications

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1. The bureau has been receiving numerous refile requests from the Wire and Daily Report. With the assistance of Headquarters commo chief [redacted] the bureau began initiating tracer actions. Though [redacted] has assumed responsibility for the loss of some messages, the problem has not been cleared up yet and may be caused by a computer problem [redacted]

C. Technical

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1. MOD cruiser [redacted] visited the bureau 20 September - 7 October for a reception survey of bureau targets using the new remote site. He systematically checked monitored stations comparing remote site reception with the antennas located at the bureau, which are now used for backstop, and found that in almost all cases the remote site reception was better, even if not always satisfactory. Angola radio, which is often poorly heard, remains a problem. [redacted] also discussed cruising techniques with bureau monitors.

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III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

STAT 1. Teletypists [redacted] were promoted
STAT to FBN-5 and local technician [redacted] was promoted to FBN-7,
effective 15 September.

STAT 2. Teletypist [redacted] began working 9 September on a
contract basis pending security and medical clearances which will
enable the bureau to hire her full time.

STAT 3. Deputy chief [redacted] returned 15 September from
three weeks' R&R in Europe.

STAT 4. [redacted] arrived PCS 23 September. She replaces
[redacted] who departs 11 October.
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B. Buildings and Grounds

A surge protection device was wired into the 120VAC system at the remote site to protect against lightning strikes and to keep the bureau engineer from having to manually reset the breakers after each power outage, thereby reducing the number of trips he must make to the site. Now that the rainy season has started, power outages are becoming more frequent. A 3.5 kw portable Salister diesel generator has been purchased for use at the remote site and will be installed as soon as a small building to house it can be constructed.

A new console/desk has been built for the administrative assistant's area, where one of the bureau's two IBM PC's will be located. Work has begun on the shop to expand the limited storage area; and work was also started on the editor's house to reconstruct the roof and undertake other needed repairs.

An Isuzu 16-passenger bus was purchased to replace the Toyota Hiace, which has been transferred to the embassy for sale by auction.

IV. VISITS

STAT [redacted] Deputy Chief Operations Group, visited the bureau
18-22 September.

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Chief, Swaziland Bureau

SWAZILAND BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH	:	440,110
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH	:	16,240
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH	:	1,018

	BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI-CATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	5,605	8,040	95
III. <u>OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:</u> (publishable words per month)	200,370	160,670	79,070

ANGOLA

Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese	37,870
Luanda ANGOP in English	
Luanda ANGOP in French	750
Luanda ANGOP in Spanish	2,350

BOTSWANA

Gaborone Domestic Service in English	3,860
Gaborone BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS in English	

CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) Radio Truth in English to Zimbabwe	3,380
(Clandestine) Radio Truth in Ndebele to Zimbabwe	1,040
(Clandestine) Voice of Resistance of the Black Cockerel in Portuguese to Angola	
(Clandestine) KUP in Portuguese to Southern & Central Africa	1,520
(Clandestine) KUP in English to Southern & Central Africa	1,080
(Clandestine) KUP in French to Southern & Central Africa	
(Clandestine) Voice of Truth in Portuguese to Angola	

LESOTHO

Maseru Domestic Service in English	6,430
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	BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI-CATIONS
LESOTHO			
Maseru THE NATION in English			
Maseru THE COMMET in English and			
Maseru MOCHOCHONOCHO in Sesotho			
MADAGASCAR			
Antananarivo Domestic Service in French			
MALAWI			
Blantyre Domestic Service in English	550		
Blantyre DAILY TIMES in English			
Blantyre MALAWI NEWS in English			
MAURITIUS			
Port Louis Domestic Service in English			
Port Louis Domestic Service in French			
MOCAMBIQUE			
Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese	14,640		
Maputo in English to Southern Africa	4,990		
Beira DIARIO DE MOCAMBIQUE in Portuguese			
Maputo NOTICIAS in Portuguese			
Maputo TEMPO in Portuguese			
NAMIBIA			
Windhoek Domestic Service in Afrikaans			
Windhoek DIE REPUBLIKEIN in Afrikaans			
Windhoek THE WINDHOEK ADVERTISER in English			
Windhoek WINDHOEK OBSERVER in English			
Windhoek DIE SUIDWESTER in Afrikaans			

BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI-CATIONS
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SOUTH AFRICA

Johannesburg Domestic Service in Afrikaans	1,470	
Johannesburg Domestic Service in English	32,890	
Johannesburg International Service in English	7,680	
Johannesburg Television Service in Afrikaans	16,550	
Johannesburg Television Service in English	24,390	
Umtata Capital Radio in English	13,420	
Johannesburg SAPA in English	154,970	
Durban ILANGA in Zulu	640	
Johannesburg BEELD in Afrikaans	290	
Johannesburg CITY PRESS in English		
Johannesburg O'SECULO in Portuguese		
Johannesburg RAPPORT in Afrikaans	840	
Johannesburg BUSINESS DAY in English		
Johannesburg SOWETAN in English	1,400	
Johannesburg SUNDAY STAR in English	4,420	
Johannesburg SUNDAY TIMES in English		
Johannesburg THE CITIZEN in English	4,630	
Johannesburg THE STAR in English		
Johannesburg THE WEEKLY MAIL in English		
Pretoria DIE TRANSVALER in Afrikaans	63,520	
RSA Press Review		
SWAZILAND		
Mbabane Domestic Service in English	290	
Mbabane Domestic Service in Siswati	410	
Mbabane Television Service in English	1,190	
Mbabane Television Service in Siswati		
Mbabane THE SWAZI NEWS in English		
Mbabane THE SWAZI OBSERVER in English	840	
Mbabane THE TIMES OF SWAZILAND in English		

BRO/CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
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UNITED KINGDOM

London BBC World Service in English	14,260
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USSR

Moscow in Ndebele to Zimbabwe	560
Moscow in Zulu to Southern Africa	3,900

ZAMBIA

Lusaka Domestic Service in English	1,460
Lusaka Voice of Namibia in English	470
Lusaka Voice of Freedom in English to Southern Africa	710
Lusaka SUNDAY TIMES OF ZAMBIA in English	
Lusaka TIMES OF ZAMBIA in English	
Lusaka ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL in English	

ZIMBABWE

Harare Domestic Service in English	6,140
Harare Domestic Service in Ndebele	
Harare Voice of Namibia in English	1,820
Harare THE HERALD in English	2,490
Harare THE SUNDAY MAIL in English	
Harare THE FINANCIAL GAZETTE in English	